



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**62nd Airlift Wing**  
Office of Public Affairs  
McChord Air Force Base, WA 98438

## **COLONEL FREDERICK H. MARTIN**

Colonel Frederick “Rick” H. Martin is the vice commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. He assists the commander in ensuring the readiness of more than 4,600 active-duty military and civilian personnel, along with C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, to support worldwide combat and humanitarian contingencies. The wing provides base support to the 446th Airlift Wing (Associate), and the Western Air Defense Sector. The colonel is also charged with overseeing the wing’s programs on environmental issues, installation security, and readiness.

Colonel Martin entered the Air Force in 1981 as a distinguished military graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served in a variety of operations and staff positions throughout his career. He has extensive operational experience as an instructor or evaluator pilot in the T-38 Talon, C-9 Nightingale and C-141 Starlifter, and has qualified in the C-5 Galaxy, KC-10 Extender, and C-17. On the staff, he was a VOLANT SPOTLIGHT intern in the Protocol Office of Headquarters Military Airlift Command, a politico-military analyst for the Plans and Programs Directorate at U.S. Central Command, and a deputy division chief for the Asia-Pacific Division in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate on the Joint Staff. Most recently during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Colonel Martin led an airfield assessment team into Iraq to open airfields for fixed wing operations.



Colonel Martin was born in 1959 at Dover, Del. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from the Academy, a master’s degree in international relations in 1987 from Webster University and a master’s degree in public administration in 1995 from Troy State University.

Colonel Martin is a command pilot with over 4,500 hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38, C-9, C-141, KC-135 Stratotanker, KC-10, C-5 and C-17.

### **EDUCATION:**

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| 1981 | Bachelor of Science in mathematics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.                                   |
| 1985 | Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  |
| 1987 | Master’s degree in international relations, Webster University  |
| 1993 | Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.  |
| 1993 | Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.  |
| 1995 | Masters degree in public administration, Troy State University  |
| 1997 | Air War College (seminar)   |
| 1999 | National Security Fellow (SSS equivalent), John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. |

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 1981 – November 1981, student, T-37 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. November 1981 – June 1982, student, T-38 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
3. June 1982 – August 1982, Student, Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
4. June 1982 – July 1985, instructor pilot and executive officer, 25th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.
5. July 1985 – November 1987, instructor pilot, chief of training and chief executive officer, 11th Aeromedical Airlift Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill.
6. December 1987 – August 1989, intern, VOLANT SPOTLIGHT Intern Program and command protocol officer, Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
7. September 1989 – December 1989, student, C-141 Initial Qualification Aircraft Commander Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
8. December 1989 – April 1991, instructor pilot and assistant chief pilot, 14th Military Airlift Squadron, Norton AFB, Calif.
9. May 1991 – May 1992, wing executive officer, 63rd Airlift Wing, Norton AFB, Calif.
10. June 1992 – May 1993, student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
11. June 1993 – June 1995, international politico-military analyst for Pakistan and executive officer to the director, Plans and Programs Directorate, Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
12. July 1995 – June 1998, operations officer and commander, 57th Airlift Squadron, Altus AFB, Okla.
13. July 1998 – June 1999, National Security Fellow (SSS), John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
14. July 1999 – June 2001, northeast Asia politico-military affairs officer and deputy division chief, Asia-Pacific Division, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
15. July 2001 – May 2002, deputy commander, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
16. June 2002 – July 2003, commander, 615th Air Mobility Operations Group, Travis AFB, Calif.
17. July 2003 – Present, vice commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot

Hours Flown: More than 4,500

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-9, C-141, KC-135, KC-10, C-5, and C-17

## **MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION: Days of promotion**

Second Lieutenant	27 May 1981
First Lieutenant	27 May 1983
Captain	27 May 1985
Major	1 May 1992
Lieutenant Colonel	1 January 1997
Colonel	1 June 2002

(Current as of January 2004)